

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF:

PATENT APPLICATION

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Atty. Dkt.: 2560-0479

Appln. No.: 10/710,723

Group Art: 3745

Filing Date: July 30, 2004

Examiner: Nguyen, Ninh

Title:

Mitigation Of Unsteady Peak Fan Blade And Disc  
Stresses In Turbofan Engines Through The Use Of Flow  
Control Devices To Stabilize Boundary Layer  
Characteristics

Date: March 25, 2008

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**MAR 25 2008**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Sir:

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed – see item 4 below).Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).Reply to any outstanding action and Rule 17(e) fee must be enclosed.

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith or before the new action is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☐ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☒ The enclosed new Amendment.
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement:  
☐ IDS Letter ☐ Cited Appln(s) ☐ Foreign Search Report/OA ☐ PTO-1449 ☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of 3 months (3 mos. Max) for which the required \$130 fee is enclosed.
7. ☒ Please charge the total fee to our Deposit Account No.: 50-3272 under our Order No. (Matter No.): 2560-0479

**CHARGE STATEMENT:** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Account/Order Nos. shown in the heading hereof for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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